



PROCLAMATION

National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People Day

WHEREAS *May 5th of every year is designated as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) in Canada; and*

WHEREAS *Jaime Black, a Métis artist, initiated the REDress Project in 2010 as an art installation to honor and raise awareness about the thousands of Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit individuals who have been disproportionately affected by violence in Canada; and*

WHEREAS *from 1980 to 2014, there were 6,849 female homicide cases reported to the police in Canada, and 16% of the total female victims were Indigenous women. In 2014, the homicide rate for Indigenous women was almost six times higher than that of non-Indigenous women; and*

WHEREAS *this day is an opportunity to honor the victims, raise awareness about the crisis, and urge governments to take action to address the racialized and gendered violence inflicted on Indigenous peoples in Canada.*

NOW THEREFORE *I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby recognize the May 5th, 2023, as “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People Day” in the City of Courtenay.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Wells", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Bob Wells